

REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are pending in the present application. In the instant Non-Final Office Action, the Examiner has made the following actions as further described below.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-2, 4, 7-8, 11, 13, 15, 19-26, 28-35 and 37 as being unpatentable over Wagner (United States Patent Publication 2003/0233296) in view of Anand et al. (United States Patent No. 5,710,900), claims 3, 27 and 36 as being unpatentable over Wagner and Anand in view of Barritz et al. (United States Patent 6,938,027), claims 5 and 12 as being unpatentable over Wagner and Anand in view of Van Renesse (United States Patent No. 6,529,953), claim 6 over Wagner and Anand in view of Davis (United States Patent No. 6,920,608), claims 9 and 10 over Wagner and Anand in view of Sweet et al. (United States Patent No. 6,789,080), claim 14 over Wagner and Anand in view of Morita et al. (United States Patent Publication No. 2003/0076995), and claims 16-18 over Wagner and Anand in view of Burt (United States Patent No. 6,990,480).

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 7, 19, 24 and 33 to reflect that the available data sources comprise a predefined database query. Claim 29 has been amended to reflect that the first database query reflects a predefined and user-specified association between the first data source and a first report group. Applicant believes that the prior art of record fails to describe or suggest such a predefined database query and predefined and user-specified association, and

therefore all of the pending claims should be allowable. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner allow the pending claims of the present application as amended.

Concluding Comments

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue, or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue, or comment. In addition, because the arguments made are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim except as specifically stated in this paper.

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the remarks herein prior to further examination of the above-identified application. The undersigned would of course be available to discuss the present application with the Examiner if, in the opinion of the Examiner, such a discussion could lead to resolution of any outstanding issues.

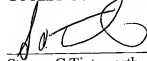
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